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Interstate 10/State Route 90 Q & A

How has ADOT shared this project with the community?

In 2001, a Design Concept Report (DCR) was completed by ADOT, with community input, that identified the basic improvements that should be made to the I-10/SR 90 Interchange when it will be ultimately reconstructed. The final design followed with multiple property owner meetings, an initial design open house in March 2007, and two separate meetings with Calvary Baptist Church in 2007 and 2008. A final design open house is anticipated in spring 2009.

Does ADOT have a website for the project?

Information about this project can be found on the Safford District page of ADOT's website at:
www.azdot.gov/highways/districts/Safford/projects.asp

Is the existing Frontage Road being eliminated?

The frontage road is being relocated ¼ mile to the north in order to better serve existing property owners and improve area access. The relocation is also necessary because when the two curves west of the I-10/SR 90 Interchanges are straightened, the new Interstate travel lanes will be located where the frontage road currently exists. The new Dark Star Road, Vidal Road, and Access Drive re-establish that access.

Will any residents be displaced from their homes and properties?

The project will not move residents off their property, nor will it require that houses be relocated within properties. The only property that must be completely purchased is the existing site of the Calvary Baptist Church. ADOT is working with Church representatives at this time.

Project Facts

PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS

- Begin fall 2009
- 18 months to construct
- \$23 Million cost

PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS

- Construction to begin based upon funding
- 18 months to construct
- \$30 Million cost

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Interstate State Route 10/90

Traffic Interchange Project Update • Fall 2008

Dear Citizens of Benson and surrounding areas,

Keeping the roadways of southeastern Arizona safe is our main job at the Arizona Department of Transportation. As part of that effort, the Interstate 10/State Route 90 (I-10/SR 90) Traffic Interchange project team has been working hard to design the improvements for the new traffic interchange.

The purpose of the I-10/SR 90 roadway project is to improve the existing interchange and straighten the existing alignment of Interstate 10 to remove the curves just west of State Route 90. This will serve to improve safety and accommodate future traffic capacity on I-10. By extending State Route 90 to the north, property access will be maintained and future connectivity to other planned roadways will be possible.

Revisions to the design plans were made as a result of public feedback to the project team at the public meetings and project open house.

As part of this improvement, the existing Dark Star Road (frontage road) will be relocated ¼ mile to the north of I-10 in order to provide improved access to SR 90 and I-10. Access Drive, west of Vidal Road, will be constructed to provide additional access to various properties, and Vidal Road will be reconstructed with drainage and pavement improvements included.

As a result of the recent funding shortfall, it will be necessary to build the I-10/SR 90 Traffic Interchange in two phases. Construction of the Phase I improvements (see map inside) is estimated to begin in fall 2009 and is anticipated to take approximately 18 months to complete. Phase II is contingent upon funding and will focus on increasing the capacity of I-10 by adding a westbound climbing lane, which will allow slower traffic (i.e. semi-trucks) to travel up steep hills.

The maps on the following page show what the final improvements to the traffic interchange will be. An open house will be held once final design plans are completed, which is anticipated to be in spring of 2009. We appreciate your participation, patience, and cooperation as we work to improve these important roadways.

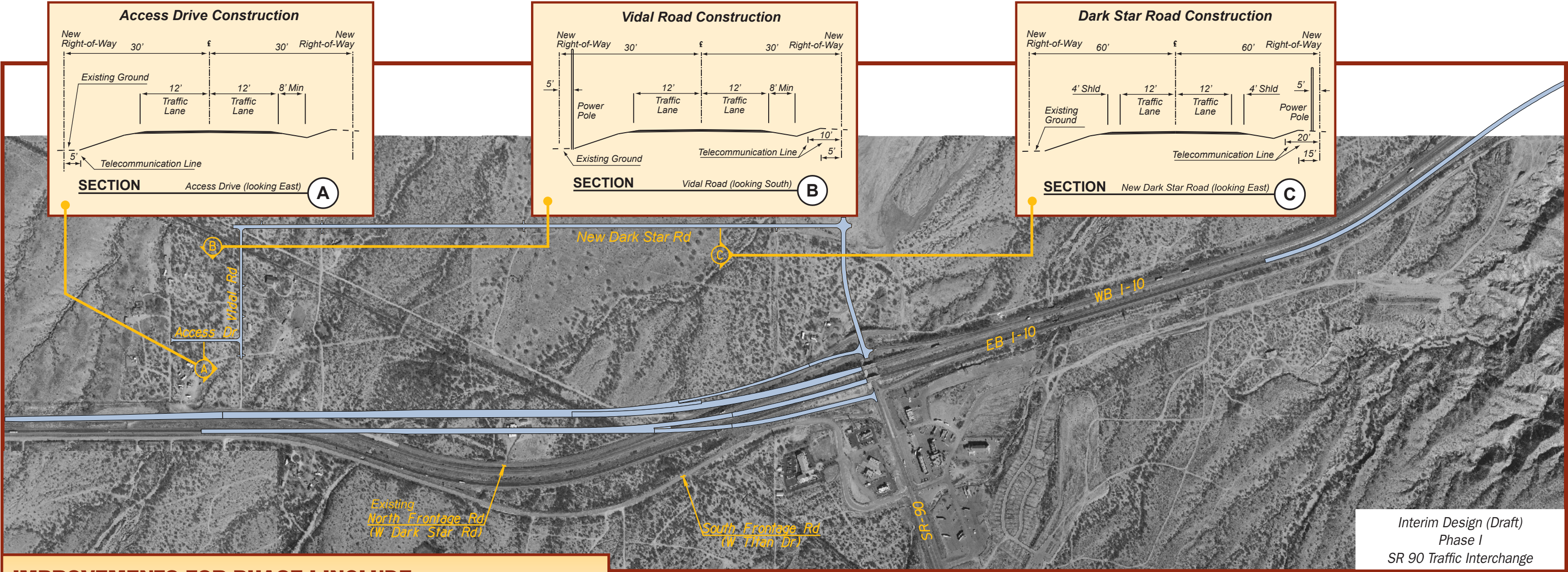
Sincerely,

Bill Harmon, District Engineer, ADOT Safford District

Interstate 10/State Route 90 Public Outreach to Date

October 4, 2006 – Property Owner meetings @ Holiday Inn Express
January 11, 2007 – Property Owner meetings @ Holiday Inn Express
March 7, 2007 – Initial Design Open House @ Cochise College
March 13, 2007 – Meeting with Calvary Baptist Church
August 21, 2008 – Meeting with Calvary Baptist Church





- IMPROVEMENTS FOR PHASE I INCLUDE:**
- Reconstructing eastbound/westbound I-10 lanes to straighten curve just west of I-10/SR 90 Traffic Interchange
 - Reconstructing eastbound I-10 lane to improve the curves just east of I-10/SR 90 Traffic Interchange
 - Reconstructing the eastbound off-ramp and westbound on-ramp at the I-10/SR 90 Traffic Interchange (temporary asphalt pavement)
 - Improving drainage in areas of construction
 - Resurface pavement on SR 90 under the I-10 bridge
 - Utility relocations: move electric, telephone, gas, and fiber-optic lines
 - Constructing relocated Dark Star Road and Access Drive, and improving Vidal Road to connect properties to the I-10/SR 90 Interchange



COLOR KEY:

- Phase I Improvements
- Phase II Improvements

- IMPROVEMENTS FOR PHASE II INCLUDE (FUNDING PERMITTING):**
- Building two I-10 bridges over SR 90
 - Building on and off-ramps to ultimate design
 - Reconstructing eastbound and westbound I-10 east of the interchange
 - All drainage structures not constructed in Phase I
 - Reconstructing State Route 90 from the new Dark Star Road to the traffic signal at Commerce Drive